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COMING EVENTS

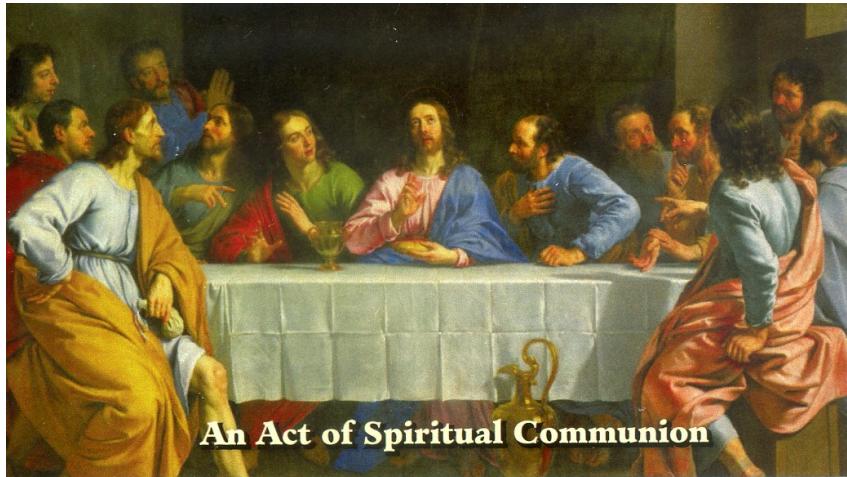
Our council will host a virtual monthly business meeting on **Thursday, April 2, at 7:15pm** by conference call. We're conducting business by phone for the health and safety of all our members, observing the need for social distancing.

To participate, please call **978-990-5000** at 7:15 pm, and enter access code **774101** when prompted. If you have any questions please contact GK George Elliott.

We must continue to serve our Church and our community even if we can't meet face to face. I hope

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An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present
in the Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You
as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine! (3 times)

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

GEORGE ELLIOTT

In these challenging times, we Knights are needed more than ever. We must be especially creative to find effective ways to put our Faith in Action while protecting the health and safety of those around us. Our world needs brave men to step up now.

First, let's put our Faith in Action by prayer. Pray for an immediate end of COVID-19. Our Holy Father has made available a plenary indulgence for praying for those who have contracted the virus and praying for those who treat the virus patients. Pray by yourself, pray with family, pray with our Church community as Mass is streamed over the Internet, pray as often as you can.

Second, we need to be obedient to our Church and civic leaders when they tell us how to help defeat this virus. For example, we can combine two activities by praying a Hail Mary while we wash our hands. The time it takes to recite one Hail Mary is about the same time that the medical experts say we should spend when washing our hands.

Third, it's time now to reconsider how we perform our other fraternal duties. For the time being, we can't see each other at meetings or at Church. So, let's make it a point to check in on each other by phone, text, email,

Facebook, whatever works. Let's also think about who can volunteer at the St. Rose of Lima Food Pantry when the volunteers age 65 and over are being told to stay home. Let's consider how our Scholarship Committee can evaluate and select scholarship awardees without meeting face-to-face. Let's think about how we can invite other Catholic men to join our ranks by using the phone and other methods.

Our April business meeting will be different for a couple of reasons. As an exception, we're holding the meeting on the first Thursday (April 2nd) because our normal second Thursday is Holy Thursday. But the real difference is that we're going to hold the meeting by telephone conference. You'll be able to attend the meeting from the comfort of your home by calling in to the conference. If you've attended any of our regular meetings this year, you know that we've been pretty successful at keeping the meetings under an hour. In fact, we're going to start this meeting at 7:15 pm and plan to end not later than 8:00 pm.

Especially now, let's remember that Jesus died for our sins, rose from the dead, and lives! Happy Easter! Vivat Jesus!



FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members.

While the current medical, social and economic issues we face are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crises such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the Great Depression and the financial crisis of 2008.

Just as we stood together during those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care and disability insurance. Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate may affect your personal finances and how our products can help.

Our agents can meet with you in person, talk to you over the phone (when appropriate) or through a virtual meeting using Skype or similar software. Agents are ready to answer questions, assist with service-related issues and help show you how you can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turns 138 years old, it is an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Michael McGivney, for his foresight in founding an Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. You do not face the current challenges alone. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

May God bless all,

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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher

What is Apologetics?

"In the beginning..." The first words of the Bible (^{Gn 1:1}) affirm an essential teaching of the Christian faith: *Before all else, God is.* It's a reality that seems obvious to most Christians, yet many people doubt or deny it.

Challenges are often issued to other articles of the Christian faith as well, such as the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to specifically Catholic beliefs, such as the unique authority of the pope. For this reason, Christians – and Catholic Christians in particular – often find themselves defending their beliefs in conversations with non-believers.

The Greek word for "defense" is *apologia*. Our English word "apology" is derived from it. In its classical definition, "apology" did not mean an admission of wrong, as the modern English word suggests. Rather, an apology was a defense or justification of a belief. For example, students of philosophy or the classics are familiar with Plato's *Apology*: an account of Socrates' defense of this teaching.

In the present context, then, "apologetics" refers to the *reasonable defense of the Christian faith*. It is one aspect of what our Lord Jesus talked about when he urged us to love God with all our mind (^{Lk 10:27}).

Therefore in using our mind reasonably, faith is not opposed to reason; in fact, reason, rightly understood, is a support to faith. The foundations of Christian apologetics were laid by our Lord himself when he presented "many proofs" of his resurrection (^{Acts 1:3}), including his appearance to skeptical, hard-nosed, "doubting" Thomas and the other apostles (^{Jn 20:24-29}). The resulting apostolic proclamation of the gospel included eyewitness, legal or scientific, testimony as a central feature (^{Lk 1:1-4; Acts 2:32}). St. Paul likewise engaged in apologetics in

trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks of the truth of Christianity. His reasoned style of evangelization is demonstrated in his sermon on the Areopagus, Mars Hill, in philosophy-dominated Athens (^{Acts 17:22-34}). The apostle's approach to sharing and defending his faith should encourage Catholics today to follow his example. When we read 1 Peter 3:15-16: "...always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope...", we can see that in order to be able to do this, we must dig a little deeper into our faith to understand why we believe what we say we believe. It's a continuing effort for us to grow in our faith.

Next month we'll ask, **Does the Devil Exist?**

Foot Note: Holy week will soon be upon us, the end of which is referred to as the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Liturgically, those three days are regarded as one day. To illustrate this you'll notice that there is an opening of Holy Thursday Mass – but no dismissal! There is no Mass on Good Friday. The Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday has no opening since that occurred on Holy Thursday, - but there is a dismissal that concludes the Triduum.

Deacon Chris invites you to send him questions or suggested topics for the Deacon's Teaching column.

Please email them to cjchristopher2010@gmail.com or to the newsletter at 7027newsletter@gmail.com



Life

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Hope all are staying safe at this time. It's proving to be a problem to plan for Life issues let alone planning on what to do at any moment.

40 Days for Life was canceled last Sunday because of the virus, but the Pensacola abortion mill stays open even after the governor's mandate and with local and state leaders being made aware of the noncompliance. We are all asked to call governor DeSantis at 850-488-7146 and have him enforce the mandate for all abortions in the state of Florida. Also call

the Agency for Healthcare Administration at 1-888-419-3456 and complain about the abortion centers non-compliance. If they could shut down all the abortion mills in the US, we could save over 70,000 babies in one month. So if you have the time, look up all the states that have not closed their abortion mills and call that governor. Please continue to pray for the protection of our unborn children. Say a rosary a day for Pro life. Jesus is calling. Can you answer?



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
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Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

<http://popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/>

BIRTHDAYS

On behalf of your Council's Brother Knights, we wish you a very Happy Birthday.



ROBERT A HARING SR	4/1	BILLIE D HINKLE	4/10	DENNIS V TODD	4/18
TIMOTHY MAYNARD	4/2	CONSTANTINO A DEL ROSARIO	4/14	STEPHEN R PASTUCHA	4/20
GILBERT SAENZ	4/2	JOHN F JUUL	4/14	HERMANN J WENDORFF	4/23
EUGENE J SKAKSKY	4/2	EINSIEDEL G DIZON	4/15	JEROME P RIESKAMP	4/24
BRUCE L CHASSE	4/5	GARY W FARIS	4/15	EDWARD A STANISLAWCZYK	4/27
CHRISTOPHER M GAY	4/5	EDWARD J MCCARTHY	4/15	GREG A MICKLOS	4/30
CHRISTOPHER J GERI	4/5	JOHN G BARRETT	4/17		



Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
July, 2019	John Recke	John & Lexy Aine Canning
August, 2019	Ralph Crago	Jerry & Jenny Craft
September, 2019	John Marchal	Karen & Ronald Bradberry
October, 2019	Charles J. "CJ" Russell	Barry & Gayle Brecke
November, 2019	Sean Canning	Christopher & Diana Root
December, 2019	Eugene Skalsky	Greg & Jennifer Micklos
January, 2020	Jeff Fischer	Dan & Barbara Nolan
February, 2020	Frank Ferraro	Eusebio (Tom) & Sandra Tomas
March, 2020	Ed Faxlanger	Tim & Liz Maynard
April, 2020		
May, 2020		
June, 2020		
Year 2019-20		

Knight of the Month

Grand Knight George Elliott announces Knight of the Month for March is Ed Faxlanger. The presentation will be made at a future time.

Family of the Month

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Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



Sir Knights,

Blessings upon you and your families

Marching into March and Lent

Some Housekeeping...

I encourage all sir Knights to join us for the

Conference Call Scheduled for 2 April.

We will cover Assembly Business at this time.

As no motions have been made to expend funds, and VA Hot-Dogs has been suspended by the request of the VA, we will NOT have a any meeting in April. I plan to be in touch with Trustees and other officers as the situation warrants. Supreme is working on how elections will be conducted.

We will keep you all posted and in the loop as much as possible as reliable information and suggestions become available.

As Lent moves into Pascal Mysteries and Easter Joy

I encourage all to Pray for all affected in any way by the CORVID-19 Virus, which in reality is all of us, all of creation.

Stay close to pray, even more so than usual.

Pope Francis reminds us in his March address Urbi et Orbi ('to the city [of Rome] and to the world') which denotes a papal address and apostolic blessing given by the pope on certain solemn occasions.

"Faith begins when we realize we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we founder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer

them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

The Lord asks us and, in the midst of our tempest, invites us to reawaken and put into practice that solidarity and hope capable of giving strength, support and meaning to these hours when everything seems to be floundering.

The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith.

We have an anchor: by his cross we have been saved.

We have a rudder: by his cross we have been redeemed.

We have a hope: by his cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from his redeeming love.

The Lord asks us from his cross to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look towards those who look to us, to strengthen, recognize and foster the grace that lives within us."

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/03/27/read-pope-francis-urbi-et-orbi-address-coronavirus-and-jesus-calming-storm>

As Sir Knights we can recognize the nautical images, boat, anchor, compass, rudder, some from our own treasures, highlighted during our Journey toward Knighthood.

They are all important, as we, led by the Church, illuminated by the light of Christ which pierces any darkness, (cont.)



supported by the wood of the Cross, guided by Faith, Hope and Charity, navigate and overcome these troubling times in which we live.

We need to remember that we are not alone in this, that other folks are praying, thinking, and working on ways and ideas to make the best of this situation.

We MUST do our best to stay the course, to Pray as well as try our best to remain connected. Connected most importantly to God, his son who gave His life on the Cross, and the Spirit who continues to guide and advocate for us.



One way to stay connected is through the Rosary, that we all carry, also, to try as best we can to stay connected with each other, helping and supporting, keeping fear and false words far from ourselves and those that we are sworn to protect.

As Lent moves into **Pascal Mysteries** and **Easter Joy**

I remain
In Service

Sir Knight Deacon Jeff Massey
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2823

Behind the Scenes at Saint Rose

How are we "Live Streaming" Mass to Facebook?

An iPad, iPad Tripod mount, Tripod. The Music Stand holds the "Cue Card" with the Spiritual Communion Prayer. An Iphone-6 or other device is used to monitor the "Live" feed.

The Camera Operator, then pans the iPad on the Tripod to "Follow the Action."

If you aren't aware of the Live Stream events you can watch live-streamed Mass from St. Rose (weekdays at 8am, Saturday at 4pm, and Sunday at 1pm in Spanish) by going to our Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/pg/StRoseofLimaCatholicChurch/videos/?ref=page_internal

The multimedia Stations of the Cross will live stream Fridays at 7:30pm.

The past events are archived at that same web link.

And now you know.